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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the Sequence Listing as follows:

Please replace pages 1-22 of the sequence listing submitted on August 1, 2001, with the sequence listing submitted herein, pages 1-25.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a tissue repair protein and comprises a nucleotide sequence which hybridises to a nucleic acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 under high stringency conditions.

2. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1 wherein the stringent conditions are 1 x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C.

3. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the nucleic acid molecule is from a mammal.